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SUBJ: RESPONSE TO SOVIET FIVE-POWER NUCLEAR  
CONFERENCE PROPOSAL

1. AMBASSADOR REQUESTED WHEN HE NEXT SEES GROMYKO  
TO RAISE SOVIET JUNE 15 PROPOSAL FOR FIVE-POWER  
NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE (STATE 108820), AND



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ADVISE HIM THAT US GOVERNMENT HAD NOT COMMENTED TO USSR PREVIOUSLY SINCE WE WERE STILL ENGAGED IN STUDY OF SOVIET PROPOSAL AT TIME WE RECEIVED WORD OVER WEEKEND OF FORMAL CHINESE REJECTION. DESPITE THIS REJECTION, WHICH WAS NOT ALTOGETHER UNEXPECTED, US CONSIDERED SUBJECT RAISED BY SOVIETS AS WORTHY OF SERIOUS CONSIDERATION. OUR VIEW HAD BEEN THAT SUCH A CONFERENCE WOULD REQUIRE CAREFUL PREPARATION AND CONSENSUS AMONG ALL FIVE POWERS ON WHAT MEASURES WERE FEASIBLE FOR DISCUSSION, AND THAT, IF HELD, SUCH A CONFERENCE SHOULD IN NO WAY PREJUDICE CURRENT BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN US AND USSR ON LIMITING STRATEGIC ARMS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES, NOR DETRACT FROM MULTILATERAL CONSIDERATION OF ARMS CONTROL MEASURES IN THE CCD. US ALSO BELIEVED IT IMPORTANT IN CONSIDERING WAYS TO MAKE PROGRESS ON ARMS CONTROL MEASURES THAT INTERESTS AND CONCERNS OF NON-NUCLEAR STATES SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.

2. WE PRESUPPOSED, OF COURSE, THAT ALL FIVE POWERS WOULD BE WILLING TO ATTEND SUCH A CONFERENCE. CHINESE REPLY NOW MAKES THIS QUESTION ACADEMIC FOR TIME BEING.

3. US NATO MISSION MAY INFORM ALLIES OF US ORAL COMMENTS TO USSR ON SOVIET PROPOSAL FOLLOWING CONFIRMATION THAT AMBASSADOR BEAM HAS CONVEYED THEM TO GROMYKO.

4. CANBERRA, TOKYO AND WELLINGTON: WE WILL BE INFORMING HOST GOVERNMENT EMBASSIES HERE OF US COMMENTS TO USSR AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN CONVEYED TO GROMYKO.

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